

Warm-Up Drills Begin For Nittany Lion Gridiron Team

5 New Men Appointed To Lion Coaching Positions

Five additions to the College coaching staff were made by the School of Physical Education and Athletics during the summer.

Wendell "Windy" Wear, named Penn State's outstanding athlete for 1938 because of his brilliant work as reserve quarterback on the football team and his play at second base on the baseball team, Johnny Deonimo, stellar guard and co-captain of the 1938 team, and D in De-Maling, star tackle for the past three years, were selected as assistant freshman grid coaches.

Bob Grieve, football and track coach at the University of Illinois, introduced a gymnastic circus, at West-stein innovation. This includes tumbling exhibitions, apparatus work, aerial gymnastics, dancing, and clowning in a show to be presented either at the PIAA gymnastics title event or at the PIAA track championships.

Grieve comes here from Pekin High School, Illinois, where he served as head track coach and assistant football coach. He attended Glenbard High School, where he captained both the football and track teams, the latter outfit twice.

All five appointees will also serve as instructors in the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

TWO KNEE-DY SENIORS



JOHNNY PATRICK.

Patrick and Hanley, halfback and tackle respectively, are a couple of the senior lettermen of whom much is expected this season, providing—

These two veterans, who wound up last year on the sidelines due to "football knees" have turned but for pre-season practice and are going through the twice daily drills, while Bob Higgins and his assistants hold their breath, hoping that the vobibly joints stay in place.

There are two John Patricks on the squad—John, above, is a senior with the middle initial "G", the other John is a sophomore, and his middle name begins with "R". So, don't become too confused if Johnny Patrick happens to be running interference for Johnny Patrick—when either one scores, the points still count for Penn State.



DEAN HANLEY

Pierce Is Captain

Charles M. Pierce '39 will captain the Lion harriers this season. Pierce, a forestry student from Elmira, N. Y., has two years' of varsity and one year of freshman competition behind him.

Frankie Goodman, Ex-Lion, Turns Pro

Frankie Goodman '37, national collegiate 135-pound boxing champion in 1936 and eastern intercollegiate title-holder in 1936 and 1937, this week joined Steve Hamms, Billy Soosa, Nestor Kocubinski, and other former State boxing stars, in the ranks of professional boxers.

Goodman was the sensation of the evening mit team during his first year here, performing at 145 pounds. He lost to Tiger McGivern of Syracuse in the finals of the eastern intercollegiate, his sophomore year. In his junior year he defeated Mastrella of Syracuse in both the eastern and national finals. His senior year he won the intercollegiate final bout from Fred Zucaro, also of Syracuse.

Ewell, Star Sprinter, Enrolls At College

Norwood "Bainey" Ewell, famed Lancaster High School track star, has entered Penn State, it was learned yesterday.

Ewell, husky Negro athlete, is one of the outstanding scholastic trackmen of all time. Until this year, Ewell held the P I A A record for the 100-yard dash with 9.7. The record was smashed by an Ewell protege, Fred Jungmans of Lancaster, with 9.6.

Ewell won the P I A A century title in 1936 and 1937 and set a State broad jump record in 1935 with an effort of 22 feet, nine inches.

Competing in the annual National A A U championships at Buffalo early this month, Ewell finished fourth in the 200 metres—a fine performance for a young runner.

Full Squad Reports. To Coach Higgins; 13 Lettermen Back

Fundamentals Are Stressed As Practice Gets Under Way For 45 Tuesday; Sophomores May Win Berths

By BILL ENGEL

Reporting at full strength, the Nittany Lion gridiron machine—45 strong—scampered through light warm-up drills as the initial practice session got under way on New Beaver Field Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Bob Higgins gathered his well-conditioned boys together for the first time, stressed fundamentals, and declared that team play would be demanded over individual performances.

After chalking up five triumphs in eight attempts last season for one of the best Blue and White records on the stripe turf in recent years, Higgins is depending on promising freshman material and 13 lettermen holding over to gain as many victories as possible.

Twenty-five freshmen participated in the six weeks' spring training period and at least two should break into the varsity line-up at the Lions face Macland's Tarp in the opening fray, Oct. 1, three weeks hence.

Powerful ends and abundant backfield forces were evident in spring drills and will be a tremendous asset to the Higgins eleven due to the loss of sparkplug Windy Wear and Co-captain Sammy Donato in the backfield, and Joe Adessa with Carl Vaugaman on the wings. Other regular line-men whose posts must be filled are Co-captain Johnny Deonimo, Danny DeManno, and Dud Enders.

Alex Barantovich, Govee Washburn, and Spike Alter, all rugged ends, will be joined by Tom Vargo, Bob Crowell, and Lloyd Parsons, sophomores, to form a formidable sextet of wingmen.

A flock of backfield material including the veterans Harry Harrison, Joe Metto, Lloyd Ikes, Tony Giannantonio, and Johnny Patrick will be pressed for their positions by the improved Steve Kolins and Duk Ewalt along with four sophomores, Sam Kopach, Craig White, Chuck Peters, and John R. Patrick. Dick Skemp, a hard-plunging, 210-pound sophomore fullback, left a gap by failing to return to school.

Sophomores Seek Berths. Possible starters in the line from the yearling squad include Wade Mori, 200 pound fullback, last season, who learned the guard duties, and Frank Platt, Walter Knaz, and Harry Dennis, tackle. Veterans from the 1937 forward wall who have returned include the starting tackles, Dean Hanley and Bill Ellwood, Joe Peel, regular guard, and Tom Toretti, switched to the center post.

Much of the success of this year's outfit depends upon the developing of capable reserves in the middle of the line. Dud Enders left a large hole at the pivot position, but the re-making of Toretti into a center should solve that problem. Bernie Biggs, a senior, and Leon Gajack, sophomore, will serve as Tom's understudies.

At the guard posts, Peel may be teamed with Ted Nemeth, a tackle last season who earned a starting spot when Hanley was injured. Three or four sophomores including Mori, Jim Woodward, Gene Smith, and possibly Tom Snatch will vie for the reserve position.

Another trouble which Bob Higgins will have to smooth over is the finding of a capable passer to replace "The Rabbit" Wear. Harrison and Reilin, can both handle the oval with fair accuracy but have not been consistent under fire as Wear.

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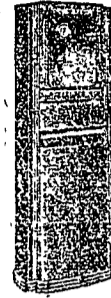
Only 2 Changes Made In '38 Grid Rules

Nittany gridiron fans should take notice of the two changes that have been made in the football rules for the coming season.

Any forward pass (except those made on fourth down) which become incomplete behind the goal line will be treated in the same manner as a touchback. When the ball goes out of bounds between the goal lines or becomes dead within 15 yards of a side line, it shall be put in play at a spot 15 yards from that side line instead of 10 yards as heretofore.

While the latter change will have little effect on actual play, the former ruling should definitely aid the offense.

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